



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Texas T VDT Timber Sale, App. No. 81653, and Forest Practice Application No. 2810393. Uneven-aged harvest of 4,394 MBF of timber from 303 acres. Proposal includes 270 feet of new road construction, 3,529 feet of road reconstruction, up to 9,329 feet of temporary road construction to be abandoned if built and 7,060 feet of existing road to be abandoned.

Description of mitigation: See attached sheet.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources.

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Sections 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 of Township 32 North, Range 9 East, and Section 1 of Township 32 North, Range 8 East, W.M. Proposal is located 26 miles east of Arlington, in Snohomish County, off of S.R. 530, Swede Heaven Road, the BO-ML, and USFS-18 forest roads.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from December 3, 2008. Comments must be submitted by December 17, 2008.

Responsible official: William J. Wallace

Position/title: Northwest Region Manager **Phone:** 360-856-3500

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Date: _____ **Signature:** William J. Wallace

There is no agency SEPA appeal.

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MITIGATED MEASURES

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Streams:

- 11 type 4 streams with a 100-foot buffer, which includes a minimum 25-foot, no-harvest core zone.
- 4 type 3 streams with a 180-foot buffer, which includes a minimum 25-foot, no-harvest core zone.
- 1 type 1 stream (North Fork Stillaguamish) with a 204-foot, no-harvest buffer.

Slope Stability:

Potentially unstable areas were bounded out of this proposal.

Roads:

Roads were located to avoid crossing streams over incised channels. Existing roads and old road grades were utilized where possible to minimize the amount of new construction. 7,060 feet of existing road will be abandoned after completion of use. 9,329 feet of temporary road will be abandoned after completion of use, if built.

Green tree retention and wildlife:

Upland thinning operations will remove Douglas-fir, western hemlock, and bigleaf maple generally 6-14" dbh and all red alder. The DNR's Riparian Forest Restoration Strategy (2006) will be implemented on this proposal. The proposal area prescription will be applied in the outer 155 feet of the type 3 stream buffers, and the prescription will be applied in the outer 75 feet of the type 4 stream buffers. Three trees per acre of thinned RMZ will be felled toward the stream and two trees per acre of thinned RMZ will be girdled to enhance the coarse woody debris component of the stands. About 220 trees within the 43.8 acres of outer RMZ will be felled as downed wood debris for riparian restoration.

Most of the marbled murrelet platform trees were bound out of the sale area. However, there are a few platform trees in the sale area. These trees have been marked with blue paint around the bole of each tree. They are to remain standing onsite after harvest.

Logging methods:

Proposal will be yarded by cable and ground-based systems. Leading end of logs will be suspended during yarding.